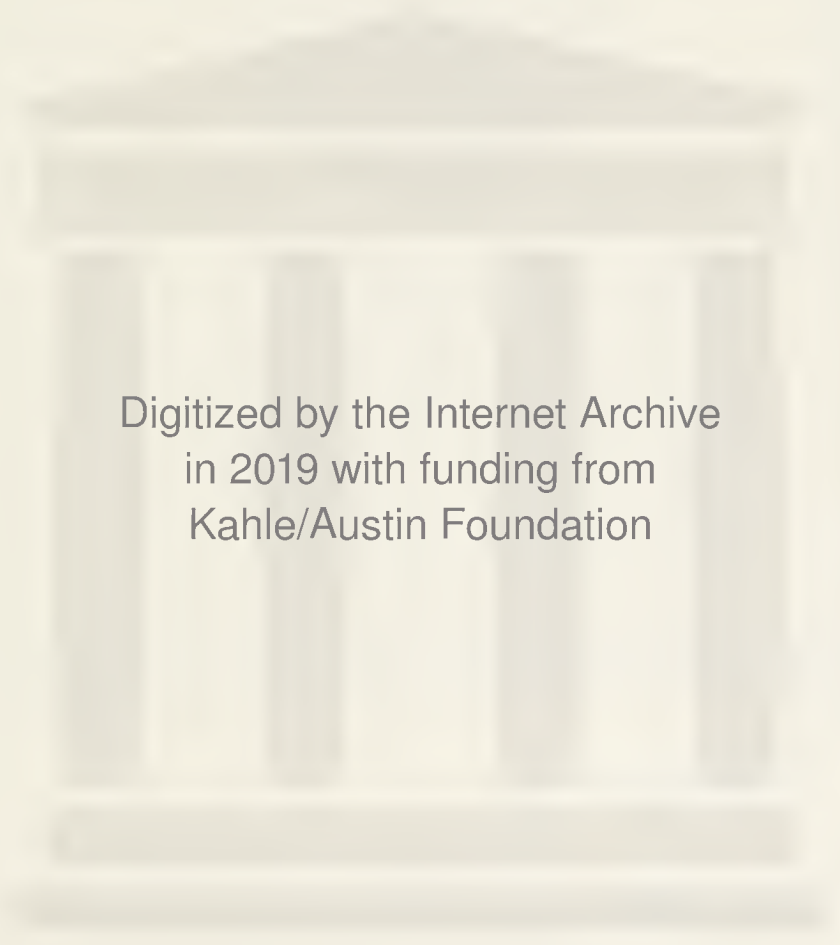


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1996 Annual Report

*I DO NOT EXPECT
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BY THIS FUND, KNOWING WELL
THAT HEROIC ACTION
IS IMPULSIVE; BUT I DO BELIEVE
THAT, IF THE HERO IS INJURED IN
HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE
OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,
HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT
UPON HIM SHOULD
NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.*

ANDREW CARNEGIE

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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DEED OF TRUST TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In the case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc. and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

Andrew Carnegie

NEW YORK, MARCH 12TH, 1904

WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 1996

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CITED BY THE
CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION IN 1996 FOR HAVING PERFORMED
OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM. IN EACH CASE,
A CARNEGIE MEDAL AND A \$2,500 GRANT WERE AWARDED.

NELSON AGUIAR, DECEASED
STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO

Nelson Aguiar died attempting to save Tony J. Bulhao and Monica Michalek from drowning, Port Colborne, Ontario, August 21, 1995. Bulhao, 22, and Ms. Michalek, 20, were swimming in Lake Erie when they were caught in a very strong undertow. They yelled for help. On the beach, one of their friends, Aguiar, 21, kitchen manager, was alerted; he immediately entered the water and swam out toward them. When he had almost reached Ms. Michalek, who was closer to shore than Bulhao, waves broke over him, submerging him, and he too struggled, then called for help. A lifeguard from a nearby resort responded to the scene and entered the water. With difficulty, she returned Ms. Michalek to shore. Bulhao reached shore on his own, then was taken to the hospital for treatment. He recovered. Aguiar was shortly recovered from the surf, but he could not be revived; he had drowned.

70009-8019

DAVID L. ALLAN
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

David L. Allan saved Elizabeth Jamieson from drowning, Pebble Beach, California, December 13, 1995. Ms. Jamieson, 44, fell from the top of a cliff into Stillwater Cove, off Carmel Bay of the Pacific Ocean, and clung to a rock at the base of the cliff. Extremely turbulent as the result of a recent storm, the water contained strong currents and high waves, which broke against the jagged cliff and washed into its submerged caves. A surfer, Allan, 46, fisherman and teacher, spotted Ms. Jamieson while observing conditions. Although he had concluded that the water was too rough for surfing, he immediately donned his wetsuit and, securing his seven-foot surfboard, descended to the cove. Rather than take a direct course to Ms. Jamieson

through breaking water along the cliff, Allan paddled seaward, then turned back to approach her. Both atop the surfboard, which was then largely submerged under their weight, Allan retraced his course to shore. Progress was slow in the breaking waves, Allan tiring as he paddled against the backwash. When they reached shore, others helped Ms. Jamieson to safety; she required hospital treatment. Allan was tired, but he recovered. 70272-8027

RALPH M. ANGELOTTI

WESTMONT, NEW JERSEY

Ralph M. Angelotti helped to save Gregory T. Hoffman from drowning, Westmont, New Jersey, July 14, 1994. Gregory, 7, was struggling to stay afloat in Crystal Lake after the car in which he had been a passenger entered the lake. Runoff from a torrential rain during the preceding hours had flooded the stream-fed lake, causing a strong current. Angelotti, 61, retired business owner, had just arrived at the lake when he saw a man wading in the flood water in a rescue attempt. Angelotti then saw Gregory bobbing in the water farther out; he immediately removed his shoes, dived into the lake, and swam to Gregory. He grasped Gregory, who had just submerged, then swam against the current back toward the bank. The other man extended a branch to Angelotti and pulled him and Gregory in. Gregory was hospitalized overnight for treatment. Angelotti was winded, but he recovered. 68951-7997

ANDREW BARNES

LADYSMITH, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Andrew Barnes saved Brandy K. Hitchcock from burning, Ladysmith, British Columbia, May 22, 1993. Brandy, 5, was one of several passengers aboard her father's cabin cruiser in Ladysmith Harbor when an explosion occurred below deck. The boat began to burn. Barnes, 45, real estate appraiser, was one of two boaters who immediately responded to the scene and recovered Brandy's father and the other passengers. Alerted that Brandy remained on board the burning boat, Barnes returned to it. After placing his boat alongside the burning one and turning its controls over to his father, Barnes climbed onto the burning boat and, stepping among flames emanating from the ruptured deck, went into the wheelhouse. He grasped Brandy, who was

on the stairs leading to the cabin, then removed her from the wheelhouse. Wanting to leave the burning boat as quickly as possible, Barnes jumped into the water with Brandy and swam to a point where they were recovered by Barnes's father. Brandy, uninjured, and the other victims were taken to shore. The burning boat was destroyed by flames. 69711-7983

MICHAEL L. BARROW, DECEASED
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Michael L. Barrow died attempting to save Ryan M. Harrison and Kyle R. Phippen from drowning, Omaha, Nebraska, February 18, 1995. Ryan, 11, and Kyle, 12, broke through ice on Carter Lake at points about 250 feet from the nearest bank. They yelled for help. Those responding to the bank included Barrow, 33, house painter. Picking up a branch en route, Barrow walked across the ice toward the boys. Reaching the area where they had broken through, Barrow himself fell through the ice. Kyle was then successful in pulling himself from the water, and he made his way back to the bank as authorities were arriving. A fire department battalion chief and two police officers maneuvered onto the ice; they too fell through in a rescue attempt but managed to pull themselves back onto solid ice. Barrow submerged, as had Ryan; both were recovered by divers about an hour later. Barrow had drowned, and Ryan survived until the following day. Kyle required hospital treatment but fully recovered. 69460-8003

SAMUEL D. BEEMAN
HARDY, ARKANSAS

Samuel D. Beeman saved Glenda Y. Dulaney from drowning, Ravenden, Arkansas, February 1, 1996. Ms. Dulaney, 30, was the driver of an automobile which left the highway, went down an embankment, and entered the Spring River. Filling with water, the car began to sink at a point about 55 feet from the bank. Other motorists stopped at the scene, including Beeman, 38, college student. Although the air temperature was in the 20s, Beeman waded into the river, then, despite being partially disabled by arthritis, swam to the car. He told Ms. Dulaney, a nonswimmer, to calm down. He then opened the driver's door, pulled her out of the car, and, maintaining a hold on her with one arm and stroking with the other, swam back to the bank, towing her. Ms.

Dulaney was taken to the hospital where she was treated for exposure to the cold water, and she recovered. Beeman, too, was cold, and he recovered in about two days. 70541-8047

ANTHONY C. BERTINO

SEWELL, NEW JERSEY

Anthony C. Bertino attempted to save Kelly L. Barber, Mariel E. Littrell, and Jaimee L. Walsh from drowning, Sewell, New Jersey, February 18, 1995. Kelly, 12; Mariel, 11, and Jaimee, 12, were walking on the ice of partially frozen Washington Lake when they broke through and fell into the water. They shouted for help and struggled to get out of the lake. Walking his dog nearby, Bertino, 22, machine operator, saw the girls; he stepped onto the ice and walked toward them. When he had reached a point close to them, he too broke through the ice and fell into the frigid water. Mariel freed herself from the lake and ran to get help. Responding rescue personnel removed Kelly and Jaimee, then Bertino, who had submerged. Kelly and Jaimee required hospital treatment for hypothermia, and they recovered. Bertino, who was unconscious when removed from the lake, was revived at the scene, then was hospitalized four weeks for treatment of effects of having nearly drowned, including severe hypothermia. He recovered. 69502-7971

RICHARD F. BONAVIDA, JR.

WEST YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Richard F. Bonavita, Jr., helped to save a man from drowning, Boston, Massachusetts, November 20, 1995. In an apparent suicide attempt, a 42-year-old man jumped off the Harvard Bridge into the Charles River. Bonavita, 35, deputy sheriff from a neighboring county, was traveling on the bridge when he was flagged down by a witness. Bonavita descended to the bank of the river and, removing only a sweater, entered the 40-degree water and waded and swam about 180 feet to the man. Bonavita grasped the man by the collar of his heavy coat to keep him from submerging. Becoming numb in the very cold water, Bonavita realized he would not be able to swim back to the bank. He swam instead to one of the bridge's piers, about 20 feet away, and, maintaining his grasp of the man, established a hold on the pier. Police officers responded shortly and, from the bridge deck, lowered a life ring on a rope to

Bonavita and pulled him and the man to the bank. Both Bonavita and the man required hospital treatment for hypothermia. 70211-8014

JANET P. BROWN
SALEM, NEW JERSEY

Janet P. Brown rescued Susie B. Hermann from assault, Millville, New Jersey, January 28, 1996. Ms. Hermann, 48, a police officer, was escorting a woman, 29, who was under arrest, from a hospital. After they left the building, the woman attempted to flee, but Ms. Hermann restrained her. They fell to the pavement, Ms. Hermann becoming dazed upon striking her head, and the woman removed Ms. Hermann's gun from its holster. From nearby, a hospital employee, Ms. Brown, 32, housekeeper, immediately ran to Ms. Hermann's aid. She grasped the assailant and struggled with her for control of the gun. The gun fired. Ms. Brown started to flee but then returned. Again grasping the assailant, who outweighed her and Ms. Hermann, she obtained control of the gun. Ms. Hermann, recovering, was joined by her partner and others, and the assailant was secured. Both Ms. Hermann and Ms. Brown were examined in the emergency room, Ms. Brown sustaining abrasions to her knees, from which she recovered. 70434-8058

MICHAEL CALDERONE
OCEANSIDE, NEW YORK

Michael Calderone saved Elena DeFrancesco from drowning, Westport, Ontario, August 19, 1995. Ms. DeFrancesco, 20, was one of 11 occupants of a van that, failing to negotiate a curve in the highway, rolled down an embankment, entered Wolfe Lake, and began to submerge in water about eight feet deep. The driver and most of the other occupants of the vehicle escaped through broken windows, but Ms. DeFrancesco lost consciousness and remained inside. Driving ahead of the van, Calderone, 21, college student, saw the accident and responded to the scene. He immediately entered the lake and swam to the van while it was still sinking. After pulling one of the victims through a window, Calderone then dived repeatedly in search of others. Opening the back doors of the van, which by then had sunk and was settled against a boulder on the submerged embankment, he removed luggage to create egress for the victims. Learning that Ms. DeFrancesco and another

woman were unaccounted for, Calderone moved to the passenger side of the van, which was lower in the water, and, groping repeatedly through a broken window, located Ms. DeFrancesco. He removed her from the van, surfaced with her, then towed her to the bank and revived her. Another man rescued the other victim. Ms. DeFrancesco was hospitalized five days for treatment of her injuries, from which she recovered. Calderone received treatment at the scene for minor cuts, and he too recovered. 70010-8052

EDDIE J. CANNON
MORVEN, NORTH CAROLINA

Eddie J. Cannon saved James S. Tyson from burning, Morven, North Carolina, January 25, 1995. Tyson, 90, was in a bedroom at one end of a mobile home after fire broke out in the opposite end. Blind and incapacitated, Tyson yelled for help. Cannon, 36, was alerted to the fire from a neighboring residence. He entered the mobile home through its front door, went to Tyson's bedroom, and attempted to remove Tyson but was repelled by smoke. He exited the structure, then re-entered and returned to Tyson's room; flames had by then spread inside the mobile home, and smoke and heat had worsened as well. Cannon picked Tyson up and carried him outside to safety. The mobile home was engulfed by flame within minutes. 69507-7999

KATHLEEN CLARK
WILLARD, OHIO

Kathleen Clark helped to save Kimberly A. Matthews from burning, Willard, Ohio, September 3, 1995. Ms. Matthews, 28, was trapped inside her car after a highway accident in which the car left the roadway, turned onto its passenger side, then broke into flame. While visiting at a nearby house, Ms. Clark, 38, postal worker, was alerted to the accident by a man who had driven by. They responded to the scene, where an off-duty firefighter who had arrived was attempting to extinguish the flames and remove Ms. Matthews. Ms. Clark extended her head and arms through the car's back window and rolled down the rear window on the exposed side of the car as far as it would go; the firefighter then broke out the rest. As the firefighter and the other man reached through the window, grasped Ms. Matthews by the arms, and pulled, Ms. Clark fully entered the car through its back window, positioned herself

against Ms. Matthews, and pushed. Flames by then had engulfed the front of the car and spread to the front seat. With difficulty, Ms. Clark and the two men removed Ms. Matthews through the side window, and she was taken to safety. Ms. Clark then left the car, the interior of which was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Matthews required hospitalization for numerous injuries sustained in the accident. Ms. Clark was treated at the emergency room for a laceration to her right wrist, from which she recovered. 70418-8031

BLAIR CLAYBOURNE

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Blair Claybourne helped to rescue Henry Sembach from burning, Calgary, Alberta, February 18, 1995. Sembach, 76, was inside his one-story home after fire broke out in a bedroom. Claybourne, 52, electrical technician who lived next door, was alerted, and he responded to the scene. There, he and another man forced open the front door to Sembach's house, which was filled with dense smoke. After the other man attempted entry and was thwarted by fire conditions, Claybourne crawled into the house, followed by a third man who had arrived. At floor level, below the smoke, Claybourne saw Sembach on the kitchen floor, at a point about 16 feet from the front door. He stood and ran to Sembach, established a hold on him, and, aided by the third man, took Sembach through the living room and out of the house to safety. Sembach, suffering minor burns and smoke inhalation, was hospitalized, and he recovered. 69528-7977

LORI LYNNETTE COOK

HAYWOOD, OKLAHOMA

Lori Lynnette Cook attempted to save Richard L. Gray from burning, McAlester, Oklahoma, November 7, 1995. Gray, 60, was the driver of a tanker truck, which, carrying a load of thousands of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, tipped onto its driver's side and skidded along the roadway in a highway accident. The tanker's cargo began to spill. Ms. Cook, 25, bank courier, was driving behind Gray and saw the accident. She pulled her car off the highway, then, not seeing Gray emerge from the wreckage, went to the truck for him, en route encountering the leaking fuel. When she had almost reached the cab, the rig exploded, throwing her, aflame, to the median. Gray,

also aflame, rolled on an embankment bordering the highway to extinguish the flames on him. He died the next day of extensive burns. Ms. Cook was hospitalized a month for treatment of severe burns to 25 percent of her body.

70210-8035

FRANK CORICA

LITCHFIELD, OHIO

Frank Corica rescued Danielle R. Wilson from burning, Penfield, Ohio, April 19, 1996. Danielle, 16, was trapped in the driver's seat of an automobile after the vehicle left the road, partially descended an embankment, and came to a stop against a tree. Due to its positioning on the face of the embankment, the car's sides were inaccessible, its driver's side elevated. Flames broke out in the front of the car, then spread to its interior. A passerby, Corica, 60, factory foreman, descended to the car, then mounted it and attempted to break its back window but without success. Danielle's clothing caught fire. Corica positioned himself atop the wreckage to reach its driver's window, then grasped Danielle and pulled her out of the car. Maneuvering themselves off the vehicle, Corica helped Danielle to safety. Danielle was severely burned and required extensive hospitalization. Corica received minor burns to his wrist and foot, and he recovered.

70624-8060

SUSAN MARIE CULLEN

GREENVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Susan Marie Cullen attempted to rescue Regis F. McCann from a runaway vehicle, Greenville, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1995. McCann, 67, was driving a van on a two-lane state highway through a residential area when he slumped over. The van continued, out of control; it mounted the curb then traveled, up a grade, both on the sidewalk and in adjoining yards, striking poles and a residence. Ms. Cullen, 22, cook, was in a car stopped at the scene and saw the van's course. She immediately exited the car and chased the van, reaching it just after it had struck a utility pole and began to coast backward, down the grade. She opened the driver's door and reached for the gearshift lever to stop the van, but it continued to move. Ms. Cullen lost her footing, the van door striking her, and fell to the ground. The van stopped against a tree. McCann was taken to the hospital but could not be revived. Ms. Cullen

received hospital treatment for a laceration to her head, which required sutures, and other injuries. She recovered. 70251-8037

SHARON J. DEAN
FORTSON, GEORGIA

Sharon J. Dean rescued a woman from assault, Columbus, Georgia, November 17, 1995. A 31-year-old woman was in the parking lot of a supermarket when a man armed with a handgun approached and, threatening to shoot, demanded her money. Ms. Dean, 36, cashier, had just parked her vehicle in the lot opposite the woman's car when she saw the assault. Leaving her vehicle, she shouted at the assailant to let the woman alone. Distracted, the assailant turned from the woman and shot Ms. Dean, then fled. Ms. Dean was hospitalized 12 days for treatment of a gunshot wound to her abdomen and related injury. 70224-8038

RENÉ DESROSIERS
STE.-JEANNE-D'ARC, QUEBEC

René Desrosiers rescued Yves N. Pineault from burning, Ste.-Jeanne-d'Arc, Quebec, December 20, 1993. Pineault, 27, was inside his home after fire erupted in the kitchen. Arriving to visit, Desrosiers, 40, farmer, drove upon the scene and discovered the fire. He attempted to enter the house through the kitchen door but was repelled by dense, black smoke. He then went to the front of the house, broke out a living room window, and climbed through it. Smoke in the living room precluded visibility as Desrosiers made repeated searches for Pineault, returning frequently to the window for air. After hearing Pineault moan, Desrosiers crawled across the room and located him on the floor. He dragged Pineault to the window and maneuvered him through it to others who had arrived. Pineault was hospitalized for serious burns and died six days later. Desrosiers required treatment for smoke inhalation and cuts, and he recovered. 69193-7979

JUAN A. DIAZ, JR.
LAKE RONKONKOMA, NEW YORK

Juan A. Diaz, Jr., saved Katerina Lazaridis from electrocution, Hauppauge, New York, May 11, 1995. During a highway accident at night, Ms. Lazaridis, 24, was thrown from the automobile she had been driving, and she landed on the pavement. The car had struck a wooden utility pole, the top of which broke off and fell to the pavement, landing over her. Both high-voltage and secondary electric lines fell with the pole, the high-voltage lines remaining energized. Downed lines arced at the pole, and flames broke out there. Diaz, 33, a county police officer who was on duty a block away, immediately responded to the scene. He approached Ms. Lazaridis, who was calling for help. Diaz went to the pavement, which was wet from rain, and reached among the lines, some of which were only inches away. He grasped Ms. Lazaridis by her attire, pulled her from underneath the pole and lines, then carried her to safety. Ms. Lazaridis was hospitalized for treatment of injuries sustained during the accident, and she recovered. 69682-8021

REJUVIA LYNN DRIGGERS
SCREVEN, GEORGIA

Rejuvia Lynn Driggers rescued Betty J. Douberly from burning, Jesup, Georgia, February 21, 1995. Ms. Douberly, 59, was inside her one-story home after fire broke out on the back porch. Her great-niece, Ms. Driggers, 19, who lived next door, learned of the fire and went to the scene. By then, flames had spread from the porch into the adjacent room where Ms. Douberly lay, unconscious, on the floor. Ms. Driggers entered the house through its front door and, forced to crawl by dense smoke, advanced about 25 feet through two rooms to reach Ms. Douberly. Ms. Driggers extinguished flames on Ms. Douberly, then grasped her and crawled back outside, pulling her. Seriously burned, Ms. Douberly required extensive hospitalization. Ms. Driggers was hospitalized overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation, and she recovered. 69541-7992

TRENT EDWARDS
PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA

Trent Edwards helped to rescue Victoria A. Olivarez from burning, Dos Palos, California, June 23, 1995. After a highway accident involving the van in which she was a passenger, Ms. Olivarez, 37, lay partially extended through the windshield of the van, which had overturned and caught fire. Edwards, 80, retired technical school employee, was traveling on the same highway and witnessed the accident. He stopped at the scene and ran to the van, which was becoming engulfed by flame. Edwards grasped Ms. Olivarez by the arms and pulled but was unable to free her. Another man arrived. Using a jacket as a shield against the blistering heat, the other man linked arms with Edwards, and they approached the van. Each of the men grasped Ms. Olivarez by an arm and pulled. They freed her from the wreckage but fell to the ground; regaining their footing, they dragged Ms. Olivarez away from the van. Ms. Olivarez was hospitalized with severe burns and died several hours later. Edwards was taken to the hospital for treatment of first- and second-degree burns to his face, head, and arms. 69852-7988

KEVIN VOIT EFIRD, DECEASED
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

Kevin Voit Efird died attempting to save Kelly N. Efird from drowning, Richfield, North Carolina, April 10, 1995. Kelly, 14, and his brother Kevin, 22, textile plant spin doffer, were fishing from the bank of Riles Creek when Kelly slipped and fell into the deep, cold water. Struggling, he called for help. Kevin dived into the creek after him. Other fishermen arrived at the scene and pulled Kelly onto the bank, but Kevin submerged and drowned. 69636-7986

JOHN B. EPPERSON
BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA

John B. Epperson helped to save Lloyd E. Hunter from burning, Burlington, Washington, June 21, 1995. Hunter, 77, remained inside his 28-foot motor home after it overturned onto its driver's side in a highway accident, then caught fire in the engine area. Epperson, 35, truck driver, witnessed the acci-

dent and responded to the scene with a fire extinguisher, which he used to knock down flames temporarily. He and another man who had arrived then climbed atop the vehicle and opened a door on its passenger side. After the other man lowered himself into the motor home, Epperson crouched, reached inside, and grasped Hunter by the arms to help pull him out. The other man kicked out the windshield from inside the motor home. Flames had resumed and were spreading to the front of the vehicle as the other man led Hunter through the windshield opening and to safety. Epperson descended from the motor home, which was shortly engulfed by flame and was destroyed. Hunter recovered from scratches to an arm. 70144-8013

PAUL R. FAZEKAS

RED LAKE, ONTARIO

Paul R. Fazekas helped to save Jerome Soch and Mark Terborg from drowning, Ear Falls, Ontario, June 14, 1994. Soch, 56, and Terborg, 38, were thrown into Pakwash Lake when their boat overturned in the rough water. Fazekas, 41, senior fire officer for the province's ministry of natural resources, was a passenger in a light helicopter flying over the lake when the pilot saw the accident. Electing to help in the men's rescue, Fazekas and another employee of the ministry remained aboard the helicopter after the pilot landed nearby to discharge the other passengers. When the helicopter returned to the scene, the pilot maneuvered it to hover just above the overturned and pitching boat, to which the victims clung. Although it was a blustery day, the pilot maintained the helicopter's position as Fazekas stepped onto one of its skids, reached down, and attempted to pull Soch aboard. When Soch fell back into the water, Fazekas left the helicopter and, from atop the overturned boat, again attempted to remove Soch from the lake. The boat flipped over, throwing Fazekas into the water. Fazekas helped Soch into the partially submerged boat and then into the helicopter, then did the same for Terborg before boarding the helicopter himself. The pilot flew Soch and Terborg to their camp, where they received treatment. 70174-8063

JOHN FEHR, DECEASED
AYLMER, ONTARIO

John Fehr died attempting to save Justin A.S. and Joey A. Fehr from drowning, Port Rowan, Ontario, August 12, 1995. Justin, 4, fell from a boat into Long Point Bay, off the north shore of Lake Erie, while fishing with his father, Joey, 26, and others, including Joey's brother, John, 23. Joey immediately entered the water for his son but encountered difficulty staying afloat. John and another man entered the water from the boat, which then drifted away. As the other man helped to keep Justin afloat then attempted to return to the drifting boat, John submerged. Other boaters responded and recovered Justin, Joey, and the other man. They were taken to shore, then to the hospital, where Justin was kept overnight. John was recovered from the lake two days later; he had drowned. 69978-8061

DOMENICO FLORIO, DECEASED
ORION, MICHIGAN

Domenico Florio died helping to save April D. Florio from drowning, Romeo, Michigan, August 13, 1995. April, 13, was fishing with her father, Florio, 33, systems analyst, from an abutment of a bridge that crossed Stony Creek Lake. A nonswimmer, April struggled in the water after falling from the abutment. Florio immediately entered the water for her and moved her back toward the abutment. April's mother, meanwhile, jumped into the water to help, and all three struggled. As April and her mother were pulled onto the abutment by others, Florio submerged. He was shortly removed from the water but could not be revived. He drowned. April was taken to the hospital but was not detained, and she fully recovered from minor injury. 69992-8020

RAEMONDA O. FREEMAN
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Raemonda O. Freeman rescued Viviaron D. Roberts from assault, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1993. Roberts, 18, and two companions were at a ball field before the start of a game when members of a rival gang arrived. They pursued Roberts and his companions onto the field and opened fire with handguns. Wounded in both legs, Roberts fell to the ground and began to

crawl toward a set of bleachers along the sidelines. Ms. Freeman, 31, secretary, was in attendance at the game with at least 100 other spectators, including her four young children. They fled when they heard gunfire but, seeing Roberts down, Ms. Freeman turned back and went to him. Learning that Roberts had been shot, Ms. Freeman knelt, then covered him with her body to shield him as the assault, including gunfire, continued. The assailants fled. Roberts's two companions were mortally wounded, but Roberts, who was hospitalized for his injuries, survived. 69197-8010

KAYLA JEAN GARRIGAN, DECEASED
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN

Kayla Jean Garrigan died after saving Christopher A. Walters from burning, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, May 12, 1995. At night, Christopher, 12, was in his second-floor bedroom after fire broke out in the kitchen, on the first floor. His sister, Kayla, 7, was asleep in the living room when she woke to the fire. As the children's mother attempted to extinguish the flames and call the fire department, then rescued a younger child, Kayla went upstairs for Christopher. She alerted him to the fire, which was spreading quickly. Christopher and Kayla retreated to the bedroom, where Christopher opened a window for their escape. Having lost Kayla in the smoke, Christopher jumped through the window to the ground. Firefighters who arrived shortly removed Kayla from the bedroom. She was taken to the hospital where she died of effects of the fire. Christopher required hospital treatment for injuries sustained jumping from the window. 69755-8026

DAVID M. GEARY
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

David M. Geary helped to save Mary R. Waters from burning, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, January 26, 1995. Ms. Waters, 76, who required a walker, was in the kitchen of her one-story house after fire broke out in a nearby bedroom. Visiting in the neighborhood, Geary, 29, lawn care employee, was alerted to the fire and responded to the scene. Learning that Ms. Waters was still inside the burning house, Geary entered through the kitchen door and was forced to his hands and knees by the dense smoke, which afforded no visibility. Following her voice, he found Ms. Waters at the

other end of the room but had to return outside for air. After wrapping his shirt over his face, Geary re-entered the house and returned to Ms. Waters. By grasping and moving her walker, he guided Ms. Waters toward the door. When they were almost there, Geary again was forced outside for air. Others had arrived; Geary re-entered the house again and received assistance in taking Ms. Waters outside to safety. Ms. Waters was hospitalized three weeks for treatment of smoke inhalation. Geary also required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 69488-7991

DAVID D. GOGG
KINGSTON, NEW YORK

David D. Gogg rescued Winfield J. Hartman from burning, Kingston, New York, December 8, 1995. Hartman, 78, was in the living room of his house when fire broke out in that room and spread. Neighbors, including Gogg, 37, truck driver, responded to the scene. Learning that Hartman was still inside the burning house, Gogg entered through the front door and called to Hartman, who responded from the living room. Despite intense heat, dense smoke which precluded visibility, and flames breaking through the windows into the enclosed front porch, Gogg crawled across the living room, guided by the sound of Hartman's voice. He grasped Hartman, then crawled backward, pulling Hartman with him, to the front door. Others took both Gogg and Hartman onto the front porch and from there to safety. Hartman received hospital treatment for smoke inhalation and burns, and Gogg was given oxygen at the scene for having inhaled smoke. They recovered. 70306-8045

SCOTT EDWARD GOODRIDGE
RENEWS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Scott Edward Goodridge helped to save Wesley P. Murphy and Paul J. Swain from drowning, Renew's, Newfoundland, October 17, 1994. Wesley, 11, was playing on the rocky shore of Renew's Harbor when a wave broke over him and washed him into the rough water. He was carried out from shore by a strong current. Of those alerted to the scene were Swain, 45, and Goodridge, 21, fisherman. Donning one life jacket and taking another with him, Goodridge jumped into the water and swam about 200 feet to Wesley. He

put the second life jacket around Wesley and began to return to shore with him. Swain, meanwhile, also was washed into the harbor by a wave, as he was attempting to secure a rescue line. He struggled to stay afloat. Goodridge, still towing Wesley, and Swain swam to each other; they held to each other, unable to get to shore because of the rough water. A boat arrived shortly and recovered Goodridge, Wesley, and Swain and took them to a wharf. Wesley and Swain were taken to a private residence for medical treatment of exposure to the cold water, and Goodridge, cold and tired, returned to his home. All recovered.

69206-7972

DANIEL F. GORZEN

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Daniel F. Gorzen saved Meta M. Irvine from burning, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 26, 1995. Ms. Irvine, 66, was at home when fire erupted on the first floor of the house and spread. Gorzen, 28, businessman, responded to the scene, as did other neighbors, one of whom entered the house in an attempt to remove Ms. Irvine but was then repulsed by dense smoke. Gorzen went to the back of the house, entered a door into the recreation room, and crawled through the dense smoke across the room. Locating Ms. Irvine on a couch about 15 feet from the door, Gorzen stood, pulled Ms. Irvine to her feet, then hurried out of the house, pulling her. Ms. Irvine was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation and minor burns, and she recovered.

69610-7980

JEFFEREY L. GREEN

HILLIARD, OHIO

Jefferey L. Green saved Joseph C. Johnson from burning, Hilliard, Ohio, July 17, 1995. Johnson, 25, was asleep in a bedroom of his one-story home after fire erupted in a closet in the hall. A neighbor, Green, 35, equipment operator, saw smoke issuing from the house and responded to the scene. He pounded on the house and yelled to rouse any occupants, then entered through the front door and conducted a search in dense smoke, which precluded visibility. After exiting for air, Green heard Johnson, whom he had awakened. He re-entered the house for Johnson, who then collapsed to the hall floor opposite the burning closet. Green crawled to him, established a

hold on him, then dragged him through the living room and outside to safety. Johnson received hospital treatment for smoke inhalation, and he recovered. 70001-8008

ROBERT LEE GUY, DECEASED
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Robert Lee Guy died after attempting to save Daryl L. Lawson from drowning, Lewisville, North Carolina, July 16, 1995. Struggling to stay afloat, Lawson, 31, shouted for help after the canoe he was in capsized, throwing him into the deep water of a private lake. At a residence nearby, one of his associates, Guy, 37, executive assistant, and others were alerted. They responded to the lake, and immediately Guy entered the water for Lawson. Guy experienced difficulty while swimming to Lawson, and he too struggled to stay afloat, then submerged. Lawson was rescued by others; he had swallowed water and was exhausted, but he recovered. Guy was recovered shortly by divers but he could not be revived. He drowned. 69859-8011

EDWARD J. GYARFAS
BORDENTOWN, NEW JERSEY

Edward J. Gyarfas rescued Beatrice Krupnick from assault, Trenton, New Jersey, February 9, 1996. Ms. Krupnick, 60, was walking in a parking lot toward the office building in which she worked when a 33-year-old man approached and knocked her to the pavement. The assailant then swung a knife at her, striking her at least twice. Gyarfas, 43, tax analyst, who moments earlier had been conversing with the man and found him to be disturbed, rushed to Ms. Krupnick's aid. He grasped the assailant and pulled him away from Ms. Krupnick, at which time the assailant swung the knife at Gyarfas and kicked him in the arm. The assailant then ceased his attack and fled but was apprehended shortly. Ms. Krupnick received hospital treatment for a knife wound, and she recovered. Gyarfas also required treatment for effects of the assault, and he too recovered. 70427-8054

ROY A. HART
DOS PALOS, CALIFORNIA

Roy A. Hart helped to rescue Victoria A. Olivarez from burning, Dos Palos, California, June 23, 1995. After a highway accident involving the van in which she was a passenger, Ms. Olivarez, 37, lay partially extended through the windshield of the van, which had overturned and caught fire. Hart, 55, contractor, was traveling on the same highway and saw the van, which was becoming engulfed by flame. He stopped at the scene, where another man asked him to help remove Ms. Olivarez. Using a jacket as a shield against the blistering heat, Hart linked arms with the other man, and they approached the van. Each of the men grasped Ms. Olivarez by an arm and pulled. They freed her from the wreckage but fell to the ground; regaining their footing, they dragged Ms. Olivarez away from the van. Ms. Olivarez was hospitalized with severe burns and died several hours later. Hart sustained minor burns to his face and fingers; he recovered. 69835-7989

DENNIS R. HAYES, DECEASED
WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

Dennis R. Hayes died helping to save Thelma L. Magnin from drowning, St. James, Missouri, September 14, 1995. Ms. Magnin, 70, was the operator of an automobile that left the roadway and entered a pond. Its windows and doors closed, the car floated nose down in water about nine feet deep. Other motorists, including Hayes, 34, construction engineer, stopped at the scene. Hayes waded and swam to Ms. Magnin's car, then returned to the bank for a hammer which was used to break the car's rear window. The car sank shortly after Ms. Magnin crawled through the window onto the trunk, and she then struggled with Hayes and others who had gone to her aid. Ms. Magnin was returned safely to the bank, but Hayes was discovered missing. He was recovered near the point where the car had sunk and was pronounced dead of drowning. Ms. Magnin required hospital treatment, but she recovered. 70060-8018

JEFFREY RYAN HILLHOUSE

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Jeffrey Ryan Hillhouse helped to rescue Robert J. and Phyllis L. Kopytko and Paul R. Brundridge from being struck by a boat, Kimberling City, Missouri, June 11, 1994. Kopytko, 47, and his wife, 38, were passengers in an 18-foot boat operated by Brundridge, 58, on Table Rock Lake when the boat veered suddenly and threw them into the water. The boat continued out of control, in circles, and struck and seriously injured them. Boating nearby with his brother-in-law and others, Hillhouse, 22, mobile electronics installer, witnessed the accident. They approached the scene in an 18-foot boat, entering the circle made by the runaway boat. After the brother-in-law positioned their boat alongside the runaway, the two boats collided, the runaway partially mounting the side of their boat. Stepping onto the bow of their boat, Hillhouse pushed on the runaway to shove it away; it continued around the bow of their boat and partially mounted it again, on the opposite side, as Hillhouse continued his attempts to deflect it. Hillhouse then took over the controls of their boat as his brother-in-law climbed into the runaway and shut off its motor. Kopytko and Brundridge died of their injuries. Mrs. Kopytko required extensive hospitalization for treatment of her injuries, which included the loss of an arm.

69757-8016

CHRISTOPHER J. HOCKERT

GRANTS PASS, OREGON

Christopher J. Hockert saved Harold R.J. and Stephen M.R. Penner from drowning, Charleston, Oregon, August 6, 1995. Penner, 43, carrying his son Stephen, 4, was walking along the rocky coast of the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of Sunset Bay when he slipped and fell into the ocean. Rough seas took them away from the shoreline, and the very cold water hampered Penner's efforts to keep himself and Stephen afloat. Penner shouted for help. Fishing nearby, Hockert, 35, field supervisor, was alerted. He removed his boots, and, taking a child's life jacket, dived into the water and swam to Penner and Stephen, who were then about 40 feet from shore. After an unsuccessful attempt to put the life jacket on Stephen, Hockert grasped Penner and started to swim back to shore, but progress was difficult in the rough water. After a few minutes, they reached the rocks at the shoreline

and were aided from the water by another fisherman. Penner and Stephen recovered from scrapes. 70027-8000

BRENDLE HORST, DECEASED
WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

Brendle Horst died helping attempt to save Marvin L. Miller from drowning, Thurmont, Maryland, July 24, 1995. Marvin, 12, was standing on a partially submerged rock that formed the bank of that part of Hunting Creek Lake, located within a state park, when he stepped into deeper water. He struggled and called for help. A friend of the family, Brendle, 15, student, was on the bank with Marvin's older brother. They observed Marvin's distress and, fully clothed, immediately ran into the water toward him. Nonswimmers, as was Marvin, they too began to struggle in the deep water. Members of both families responded to the scene, as did passersby and park rangers, but they were unable to find the boys. Divers recovered them from the water, but all three drowned. 69925-8048

DANIEL JENKINS, DECEASED
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

Daniel Jenkins died after attempting to save a girl from drowning, Panama City Beach, Florida, June 7, 1994. While swimming in the Gulf of Mexico, a 17-year-old girl was caught in a strong undertow and carried farther from shore. She yelled for help, attracting the attention of Jenkins, 23, waiter and beach service employee, who was on the beach. Jenkins immediately ran into the water and swam to the girl, but they became separated. Others entered the water and aided the girl to safety; she required hospital treatment. Jenkins was recovered from the water shortly but could not be revived. 69791-8002

VIVIAN JOHNSON
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Vivian Johnson rescued Elma I. Hurley from burning, Elliott, Maryland, April 10, 1995. Ms. Hurley, 90, was in her two-story house after fire broke out in the kitchen. Ms. Johnson, 51, a senior citizens' bus driver who had

arrived to pick up Ms. Hurley, discovered the fire. Ms. Johnson kicked open the front door and entered the house, calling out to Ms. Hurley, who responded from another room, which was adjacent to the burning kitchen. Ms. Johnson opened a door to that room, meeting dense smoke which extended to the floor. Ms. Johnson crawled into the room, where she felt Ms. Hurley. She pulled Ms. Hurley to the floor, then grasped her by the arms and, retracing her steps, dragged her out of the house. Ms. Hurley was hospitalized for treatment of burns but died of complications 18 days later. Ms. Johnson recovered from having inhaled smoke. 69685-7981

PATRICK R. KELLEHER

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Patrick R. Kelleher rescued James M. Burroughs from burning, San Jose, California, February 26, 1995. Burroughs, 33, was the pilot of a small airplane which caught fire after it crashed on a highway. Kelleher, 27, sales clerk, was driving on the highway and saw the accident. He ran to the burning plane as its passenger was escaping, then helped the passenger away. Kelleher returned to the plane, reached inside through the door, and, despite flames having entered the cockpit, helped Burroughs, who was semiconscious and aflame, to remove his seat belt. Kelleher then grasped Burroughs and pulled him from the plane. He dragged him to safety, then helped extinguish flames on him. The plane was shortly engulfed by fire. Burroughs required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of serious burns and other injury. Kelleher sustained minor burns to his hand; he recovered. 69530-7993

A. REZA KESHAVARZI

WEST OLIVE, MICHIGAN

A. Reza Keshavarzi rescued Laura L. Porter from assault, West Olive, Michigan, October 28, 1995. Ms. Porter, 40, was being beaten by a man armed with a tire iron, on a bicycle path in a residential area. Keshavarzi, 35, executive, saw the assault from his nearby house and immediately ran to the scene. He pushed the assailant off Ms. Porter, but the assailant recovered and struck her in the head. When the assailant, who outweighed Keshavarzi by almost 100 pounds, raised his hand to strike Ms. Porter again, Keshavarzi grasped him from behind and took him to the ground. During the men's ensuing

struggle, Ms. Porter escaped to Keshavarzi's house. Keshavarzi calmed the assailant and remained with him until police arrived and arrested him. Ms. Porter was hospitalized two days for treatment of her injuries. Keshavarzi recovered from minor injury.

70359-8034

DAVID L. KIDWELL, DECEASED
NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO

David L. Kidwell died attempting to rescue Emily E. Kidwell from burning, New Lexington, Ohio, November 23, 1994. Emily, 5 months old, was in a crib in a bedroom on the second floor of her grandparents' house when, at night, fire broke out in an attic space next to the bedroom. Her grandfather, Kidwell, 47, was alerted and responded from the first floor. Telling other family members that he would get Emily, Kidwell ran toward Emily's room. Dense smoke forced the other family members downstairs and thwarted their attempts to return to the second floor. Emily was found underneath Kidwell on the second floor near her bedroom. Both had died of smoke inhalation.

69347-7984

SCOTT BRADBURY KOFFINKE
EAST WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

Scott Bradbury Koffinke saved Robert J. Haddad II and Thomas W. Kelly from burning, Quincy, Massachusetts, August 13, 1995. Haddad, 23, was the driver of an automobile which, in a highway accident, rolled onto its passenger side and caught fire. Kelly, 24, was his passenger. Another motorist, Koffinke, 26, construction worker, drove upon the scene and stopped. With flames issuing from the engine area of the wrecked car, Koffinke broke out its back window, partially entered the car, and pulled Haddad out, then dragged him away. Informed that Kelly was inside, Koffinke returned to the burning car and again entered through the back window. He maneuvered to Kelly, who, unconscious, lay in the front of the car. Faced with increasing smoke and heat inside the car and spreading flames outside, Koffinke grasped Kelly and maneuvered him out of the car through the back window. The car was shortly engulfed by flame and was destroyed. Haddad and Kelly were hospitalized for treatment of injuries incurred during the accident, and they recov-

ered. Koffinke received hospital treatment for cuts to his knees, which required suturing, and he recovered. 69953-8033

TIMOTHY LACKEY

MAURICEVILLE, TEXAS

Timothy Lackey rescued Austin C. Marler from burning, Mauriceville, Texas, November 28, 1995. Austin, 1, was in his crib in a bedroom of a mobile home after fire broke out in that room. A neighbor, Lackey, 22, dishwasher, saw smoke issuing from the mobile home and responded to the scene. Having learned that children were still inside, Lackey entered the mobile home through its back door and proceeded through smoke to Austin's bedroom. He entered the burning room and, in blistering heat, located Austin. Lackey removed Austin from his crib, then went to his hands and knees and crawled back to the bedroom door, which had shut while he was in the room. Lackey opened the door, then crawled from the bedroom and exited the mobile home. Austin's brother, who also had been in the bedroom, died in the fire. Austin was hospitalized for treatment of severe burns and smoke inhalation, and he died the next day. Lackey required hospital treatment for second-degree burns to his hands, ears, neck, and knee, and he recovered in two months. 70319-8032

STEVEN W. LAIDACKER

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Steven W. Laidacker saved Annamaria Rigolio and Jill S. Polakowski from drowning, Westport, Ontario, August 19, 1995. Ms. Rigolio, 18, and Ms. Polakowski, 19, were among 11 occupants of a van that, failing to negotiate a curve in the highway, rolled down an embankment, entered Wolfe Lake, and sank, settling against a boulder on the submerged embankment. The driver and most of the other occupants of the vehicle escaped through broken windows, but Ms. Polakowski, who lost consciousness, and Ms. Rigolio remained inside. Driving ahead of the van, Laidacker, 36, behavioral consultant, was alerted to the accident and responded to the scene. He entered the lake and swam to the van, which was fully submerged in water eight feet deep. With a rock, Laidacker broke a window on the driver's side of the van, providing egress for Ms. Rigolio, whom he aided to wadable water. Learning that Ms.

Polakowski and another woman were unaccounted for, Laidacker returned to the van and, groping repeatedly through a broken window, brushed against Ms. Polakowski. He removed her from the van, surfaced with her, then towed her to the bank, where she was revived. Another man rescued the other victim. Ms. Rigolio and Ms. Polakowski both required hospital treatment for their injuries, from which they recovered. Laidacker also was treated at the hospital, for a partially severed tendon in a finger and other cuts, some requiring sutures, and he too recovered. 70011-8053

DANIEL A. LOPEZ-GALVAN

LA CANADA, CALIFORNIA

Daniel A. Lopez-Galvan saved Galen T. Fairbanks from burning, Cholame, California, November 25, 1995. Restrained by her seat belt, Galen, 8, remained in a rear seat of her family's car after a fatal, three-vehicle accident in which the car overturned and caught fire. Another motorist, Lopez-Galvan, 18, college student, witnessed the accident and ran to the scene. Despite flames covering the front of the car, which was partially underneath one of the other vehicles, engulfed by flame, Lopez-Galvan reached through a window and attempted to release Galen's seat belt. He then withdrew from the car and told Galen to release the belt. She did so, then fell to the roof of the car. With flames spreading toward him, Lopez-Galvan partially entered the car through the window, grasped Galen by the ankles, and pulled her out. They moved away from the car, which was shortly engulfed by flame. Galen required hospitalization for treatment of her injuries, and Lopez-Galvan received hospital treatment for a second-degree burn to his left arm. He recovered. 70250-8028

DAVID E. LUTTRULL

HURST, TEXAS

David E. Luttrull helped to rescue Robert J. and Phyllis L. Kopytko and Paul R. Brundridge from being struck by a boat, Kimberling City, Missouri, June 11, 1994. Kopytko, 47, and his wife, 38, were passengers in an 18-foot boat operated by Brundridge, 58, on Table Rock Lake when the boat veered suddenly and threw them into the water. The boat continued out of control, in circles, and struck and seriously injured them. Luttrull, 33, train dispatcher,

boating nearby with his brother-in-law and others, witnessed the accident and approached the scene. He maneuvered his 18-foot boat into the circle made by the runaway boat and positioned it alongside the runaway. The two boats collided, the runaway partially mounting the side of Luttrull's boat. Luttrull's brother-in-law pushed on the runaway to shove it away; it continued around the bow of Luttrull's boat and partially mounted it again, on the opposite side. Luttrull turned over the controls of his boat to his brother-in-law, then climbed into the runaway and shut off its motor. Luttrull then pulled Kopytko aboard; other boaters removed Mrs. Kopytko and Brundridge from the water. Kopytko and Brundridge died of their injuries. Mrs. Kopytko required extensive hospitalization for treatment of her injuries, which included the loss of an arm. 69756-8015

JOSE MARQUEZ
TUCSON, ARIZONA

Jose Marquez rescued Matthew J. Williams from burning, Tucson, Arizona, April 8, 1995. Matthew, 7, was inside an automobile that was struck from behind by a speeding car in a multiple-vehicle accident that resulted in a fatality. Flames erupted on the car and spread to the inside. The driver of one of the other vehicles involved in the accident, Marquez, 47, network technician, exited his car and responded to the burning one, where he saw Matthew on the front seat. Marquez leaned through the driver's window into the car, grasped Matthew, and pulled him out. Marquez's hair and clothing caught fire in the rescue and, after releasing Matthew, he extinguished the flames on himself. Matthew required hospital treatment for burns, from which he recovered. Marquez sustained burns, including third-degree, over 35 percent of his body that required two hospital stays. 69632-7994

PATRICK McDONNELL III
DIAMOND BAR, CALIFORNIA

Patrick McDonnell III attempted to rescue James Whooper III from assault, City of Industry, California, July 9, 1995. A man carrying a gun concealed in a bag approached Whooper, 50, in the mail processing and distribution facility where they were employed. As he pulled the gun out of the bag and aimed it at Whooper, another employee, McDonnell, 48, supervisor, immediately

ran to the assailant from nearby. Before McDonnell reached him, the assailant fired twice, striking Whooper. McDonnell grasped the gun, blocking its hammer with his hand and preventing it from being fired again. McDonnell then disarmed the assailant and held him until police arrived several minutes later. Whooper died of his wounds. McDonnell sustained a cut to his chest and a bruise to his hand, from which he recovered. 69984-8017

WILLIAM R. MILISITS, DECEASED
EMERALD ISLE, NORTH CAROLINA

William R. Milisits died attempting to save a girl from drowning, Emerald Isle, North Carolina, August 28, 1995. A 12-year-old girl was swimming in the Atlantic Ocean with her parents and a friend when they were carried farther from shore by a strong current. They shouted for help. Milisits, 47, security guard for a nearby condominium complex, heard them. Responding to the scene, Milisits removed his shoes, entered the water, and swam to the girl. He grasped her by the hand but was then pulled farther out by the current. One of the other men who had entered the surf to rescue the girl and her friend then swam out to Milisits, who had lost consciousness and was floating face down. The man took Milisits to shore, but attempts to revive him were not successful. 70038-8041

LOWELL MILLER, DECEASED
SMITHSBURG, MARYLAND

Lowell Miller died after helping attempt to save Marvin L. Miller from drowning, Thurmont, Maryland, July 24, 1995. Marvin, 12, was standing on a partially submerged rock that formed the bank of that part of Hunting Creek Lake, located within a state park, when he stepped into deeper water. He struggled and called for help. His brother, Lowell, 15, student, was on the bank with a friend of their family. They observed Marvin's distress and, fully clothed, immediately ran into the water toward him. Nonswimmers, as was Marvin, they too began to struggle in the deep water. Members of both families responded to the scene, as did passersby and park rangers, but they were unable to locate the boys. Divers recovered them from the water, but all three drowned, Lowell having survived but for a few hours. 69924-8049

STACY D. MILLHAM
STOCKHOLM, SASKATCHEWAN

Stacy D. Millham saved Raykata R. Halkett from burning, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, September 10, 1995. Nine-month-old Raykata was in a second-floor bedroom of her family's two-story townhouse after fire erupted in an adjacent bedroom. Millham, 32, caretaker and resident of the townhouse complex, was alerted. He responded to the scene, where he learned that Raykata was still inside the townhouse. Millham entered the unit and went to the second floor, where dense smoke precluded visibility. He crawled to Raykata's bedroom, where he forced open the door, then crawled inside. He located Raykata in a corner of the room, then, not wanting to retrace his course through the dense smoke, held her through the window and dropped her to bystanders below. Millham then lost consciousness and collapsed, partially extended through the window. Arriving firefighters removed him to safety. Raykata and Millham were both taken to the hospital, where Raykata was detained overnight and Millham was treated for smoke inhalation. They recovered.

70096-8043

JOHN H. MITCHELL
BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

John H. Mitchell saved Irene H. Hunnewell and Bernard J. Ashton from burning, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, December 11, 1994. Ms. Hunnewell, 64, and Ashton, 55, were inside their mobile home after fire broke out in the kitchen. A neighbor, Mitchell, 29, environmental scientist, discovered the fire. After calling the fire department, he responded to the scene, where he attempted without success to gain access to the kitchen. Mitchell then forced open the home's front door and crawled to Ms. Hunnewell, who, unconscious, was nearby on the floor. He carried her outside to safety then re-entered the mobile home through the front door for Ashton. Intense heat forced him back out. Mitchell returned to the kitchen door and broke it down. He entered the kitchen, which was aflame, and crawled to Ashton, who lay on the floor about 12 feet from the door. Mitchell dragged Ashton outside to safety. Ms. Hunnewell and Ashton were treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation. Mitchell was given oxygen at the scene for having inhaled smoke, and he recovered shortly.

69327-7995

THADDEUS MOONIAS

LANSDOWNE HOUSE, ONTARIO

Thaddeus Moonias rescued Thaddeus Atlookan from assault, Lansdowne House, Ontario, June 14, 1994. Atlookan, 36, police constable, approached a man who, armed with a shotgun, was on a shooting spree in the community. At close range, the man shot Atlookan in the forearm, knocking him to the ground and injuring him severely. Moonias, 34, project manager, witnessed the shooting from nearby and took cover. The assailant then taunted and threatened Moonias as Atlookan called for help. Moonias left his cover, rushed the assailant, and overpowered and disarmed him, the gun firing again as he did so. Moonias placed Atlookan's handcuffs on the assailant then detained him until other police arrived. Atlookan was taken to a hospital for treatment. Moonias also required medical treatment, for a hand injury sustained during the rescue. 70301-8025

LARRY LEE MOORE, DECEASED

TOLEDO, OHIO

Larry Lee Moore died after attempting to rescue John D. West from burning, Toledo, Ohio, October 29, 1994. At work in a steel company plant, West, 43, slipped from a ledge and fell into a tank containing a heated chemical solution that was about seven feet deep. He called for help. An employee who was nearby, Moore, 46, utility man, witnessed West fall and immediately started toward him. Moore climbed up onto the ledge and was en route to West when he too fell into the tank. Both severely burned, Moore and West were pulled from the tank by others and were hospitalized. West died of thermal burns the next day, and Moore succumbed to the same effect the following day. 69677-8001

STEPHEN J. MORAN

CALGARY, ALBERTA

Stephen J. Moran helped to rescue Henry Sembach from burning, Calgary, Alberta, February 18, 1995. Sembach, 76, was inside his one-story home after fire broke out in a bedroom. Moran, 31, petroleum landman who lived nearby, saw smoke coming from Sembach's house and responded to the scene.

After two other men forced open the front door to the house, which was filled with dense smoke, one of them attempted entry and was thwarted by fire conditions. The other man then crawled into the house followed by Moran. At floor level, below the smoke, they saw Sembach on the kitchen floor, at a point about 16 feet from the front door. Again following the other man, Moran stood and ran to Sembach, established a hold on him, and, aided by the other man, took Sembach through the living room and out of the house to safety. Sembach, suffering minor burns and smoke inhalation, was hospitalized, and he recovered. 69758-7978

CHRISTOPHER GERARD NAPP

WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Christopher Gerard Napp rescued a man from assault, Hamden, Connecticut, February 22, 1995. A 56-year-old man was being stabbed repeatedly by another man who had followed him into a restroom in a building on a college campus. The victim yelled for help, attracting the attention of Napp, 18, college student, who was nearby. Napp approached the assailant from behind, grasped him, and pulled him off the victim. Napp then disarmed the assailant, took him to the floor, and, with assistance from another student, restrained him until police arrived shortly and arrested him. The man was hospitalized for treatment, including surgery, of multiple stab wounds. 69503-7976

MICHAEL NAYLOR

COMPTON, QUEBEC

Michael Naylor rescued Warren A. Deacon from an attacking bull, Ascot, Quebec, November 25, 1994. Deacon, 47, was leading a 2,600-pound bull through a pasture on his farm when the bull suddenly turned on him and butted him in the back, knocking him to the ground. The bull then resumed its attack, butting and stomping him. Deacon called to Naylor, 23, who, employed as a hand on the farm, was working on a fence several hundred feet away. Naylor ran to the scene and with the hammer that he had taken with him struck the bull repeatedly on the head. The bull turned to Naylor and chased him for a short distance before resuming its attack on Deacon. Naylor repeated attempts to divert the bull, allowing Deacon to find refuge in a

nearby cattle feeder. The bull kept up its assault, lifting the feeder and attempting to reach Deacon through the feeder's sides. Naylor, meanwhile, ran to where Deacon's pickup truck was parked, then drove to the feeder. He used the truck to get the bull away from the feeder, thus enabling Deacon to leave the feeder for the truck. Naylor then drove Deacon from the pasture and summoned help. Deacon required extensive hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of severe injuries. 70239-8044

KONRAD D. NYGAARD

FAUST, ALBERTA

Konrad D. Nygaard rescued Ian R. Matheson from an attacking bear, Fort McMurray, Alberta, June 19, 1994. Matheson, 30, and Nygaard, 20, firefighters with the province's environmental protection department, were encamped in a remote area 100 miles from Fort McMurray while fighting a forest fire. As they slept, a 275-pound, adult male black bear approached; Matheson awoke to find the bear standing over him. Shouting to Nygaard for help, Matheson attempted to get up, but the bear bit him in the back. Nygaard grasped a firefighting axe that had been positioned nearby and swung it at the bear. He missed. Matheson stood and attempted to flee, but the bear grasped him with its claws and bit him again. Nygaard took another swing with the axe. He struck the bear in the back, paralyzing its hind legs. The bear released Matheson and hobbled off. The men radioed for help, then Nygaard worked to clear a landing site for their evacuation by air. A helicopter arrived shortly and removed the men to a base camp, from which Matheson was flown to a hospital. He was treated for puncture wounds, scrapes, and bruises. 69909-8023

GREGORY A. OAKLEY

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

Gregory A. Oakley rescued Sean M. Gress, Jr., from burning, Edmonston, Maryland, April 6, 1995. Sean, 2, was inside the house where he and his family lived after fire broke out in the basement. Other family members fled the house, which filled with dense smoke that precluded visibility. Oakley, 47, crane operator, was visiting in the neighborhood when he saw smoke; responding to the scene, he learned that Sean was unaccounted for. Oakley

then heard crying through the opened front door of the burning house. He entered the house and, guided by the cries, crawled through blistering heat across the living room, then entered the adjoining room. He found Sean on the floor, then picked him up and retraced his course to safety. Sean was severely burned and required extensive hospitalization. Oakley showed signs of smoke inhalation, and he sustained minor burns, from which he recovered.

69621-8006

TERRY D. PATTERSON

MARMET, WEST VIRGINIA

Terry D. Patterson saved Caitlyn N. Burdette from burning, Marmet, West Virginia, February 15, 1996. Caitlyn, 1, was in a bedroom of her family's second-floor apartment after fire broke out in the adjoining living room. As flames spread, blocking the apartment's only door, Caitlyn's mother opened a window and called for help. Those responding included Patterson, 36, who lived nearby. Patterson attempted to enter the apartment through its door but found it locked; he then scaled the building by climbing electrical conduits affixed to its side near a window to Caitlyn's bedroom. Patterson entered the bedroom through the window and, despite intense heat and dense smoke which precluded visibility, searched for Caitlyn. After returning to the window to ask for directions, he found Caitlyn, then carried her to the window and lowered then dropped her to bystanders. Using a ladder that had been secured for the rescue of Caitlyn's mother, Patterson descended to the ground. Caitlyn was hospitalized five days for treatment of smoke inhalation; she recovered. Patterson also sustained smoke inhalation, from which he too recovered.

70438-8040

DAVID A. PAUL

COLUMBUS, OHIO

David A. Paul rescued Melody S. Pearce from burning, Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 1995. Melody, 1, was in a second-floor bedroom of her family's townhouse after fire broke out in that room. A passing motorist, Paul, 34, lawn sprinkler installer, saw smoke issuing from the building then stopped at the scene and learned that Melody was inside. He entered the house and went to the second floor but, repelled by intense heat and thick smoke, returned

outside. Hearing Melody cry, Paul entered the house a second time and reached the room where she was located. Flames illuminated the room, enabling Paul to see Melody; he entered the room for her, then picked her up and took her downstairs and outside to safety. Both Melody and Paul were taken to the hospital for treatment, Melody for severe burns and Paul for smoke inhalation and a minor burn on his hand. He fully recovered.

70156-8024

GEORGE JAMES PINLAC, DECEASED
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

George James Pinlac died attempting to save Oudome A. Prasong from drowning, Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba, July 9, 1995. Oudome, 15, was playing with others in wadable water of Lake Winnipeg, not far from shore. When he went into deeper water to retrieve a ball, he experienced difficulty swimming, and he shouted for help. A member of another party nearby in wadable water, George, 15, student, swam to Oudome. The boys made contact but submerged shortly and were not seen alive again. Their bodies were recovered the next day.

69880-8051

CHRISTOPHER E. PORTER
DRYDEN, ONTARIO

Christopher E. Porter helped to save Jerome Soch and Mark Terborg from drowning, Ear Falls, Ontario, June 14, 1994. Soch, 56, and Terborg, 38, were thrown into Pakwash Lake when their boat overturned in the rough water. Porter, 34, a pilot for the province's ministry of natural resources, was flying a light helicopter over the lake when he saw the accident. Deciding to effect the men's rescue, Porter landed nearby to discharge some of his passengers, then returned to the scene, accompanied by a senior fire officer and another employee of the ministry. Porter maneuvered the helicopter to hover just above the overturned and pitching boat, to which the victims clung. Although it was a blustery day, he maintained the craft's position as the fire officer stepped onto one of the helicopter's skids, reached down, and attempted to pull Soch aboard. When Soch fell back into the water, the fire officer left the helicopter and, from atop the overturned boat, again attempted to remove Soch from the lake. The boat flipped over, throwing the

fire officer into the water. Porter repositioned the helicopter above the boat, enabling the fire officer to aid Soch, then Terborg, aboard. When the fire officer then boarded the helicopter, Porter flew Soch and Terborg to their camp, where they received treatment. 70273-8062

SCOTT GARRETT PORTESI, DECEASED
QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS

Scott Garrett Portesi died attempting to save Keith C. Kabilian from drowning, Spring Lake, New Jersey, August 30, 1995. While swimming in the Atlantic Ocean at night, Kabilian, 18, and a friend, Portesi, 19, college student, were carried away from shore by a very strong current. Portesi succeeded in reaching shore, but Kabilian was carried farther out. He called for help. After sitting briefly on the beach, Portesi, although visibly tired, re-entered the surf and swam to Kabilian, but they were soon separated in the water, and Kabilian lost sight of Portesi. A responding police officer swam out to Kabilian, then about 485 feet from shore. After searching for Portesi, the officer took Kabilian to shore, with aid en route from a lifeguard who had arrived. Kabilian was taken to a hospital for observation and later released. Portesi drowned; his body was recovered from the surf three days later.

70045-7998

WILLIAM DEAN RECKNER
REVERE, PENNSYLVANIA

William Dean Reckner rescued Natascha L. Gemas from burning, New Salem, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1995. Natascha, 2, was in a crib in a second-floor bedroom of her parents' home after fire broke out in that room. Approaching the scene, Reckner, 45, bus driver, saw smoke and flames issuing from one of the bedroom's windows. He entered the house after learning that a child was inside and went upstairs, where smoke that extended to the floor impeded visibility. Inhaling smoke, Reckner returned to the first floor. He went upstairs again, called out to Natascha, and, hearing her moan, crawled into the burning bedroom. Reckner located the crib, then removed Natascha and took her downstairs and outside to safety. Natascha required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation and severe burns. Reckner also was treated at a hospital for smoke inhalation. 70223-8022

BARNEY F. RICHTER

GALT, CALIFORNIA

Barney F. Richter helped to rescue Sandra L. Fleming from burning, Galt, California, June 23, 1994. Ms. Fleming, 36, remained in the driver's seat of her inverted and burning automobile after a highway accident. Local residents hearing the accident included Richter, 43, truck driver, and his stepdaughter. They immediately ran to the scene, Richter approaching the driver's side of Ms. Fleming's car. Although flames by then were spreading to the interior of the car, Richter reached inside through the opened driver's door and grasped Ms. Fleming. Finding that she was restrained by her seat belt, he obtained his pocketknife, leaned into the car again, and cut the belt. When smoke and flames then forced him out of the car, his stepdaughter approached, grasped Ms. Fleming, and pulled her nearly free of the vehicle. Richter then grasped Ms. Fleming and with his stepdaughter freed her and dragged her away from the car, which was shortly engulfed by flames. Ms. Fleming required extensive hospitalization for severe burns and other injuries. Richter singed his hair and sustained minor smoke inhalation, from which he recovered. 69291-7973

AARON R. ROBERTS

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA

Aaron R. Roberts saved John A. Revis from burning, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 11, 1995. Revis, 38, was the driver of a tractor-trailer which caught fire in an interstate highway accident. Jackknifed, the tractor came to a rest on its passenger side, partially extended over the edge of an overpass. Revis struggled to free himself from his seat belt as flames issued from the passenger side of the tractor, where one of two fuel tanks was located. Roberts, 24, business operator, had been traveling on the same highway and witnessed the accident. He approached the wreckage of the tractor, at which heat was intense, and through the windshield attempted to free Revis. Roberts left for a tool, then returned to the wreckage and, again through the windshield, secured a hold on Revis and removed him from the cab, then aided him to safety. Flames on the tractor steadily increased and shortly consumed it. Revis required hospital treatment for cuts received during the crash, and he recovered. Roberts was given oxygen at the scene. 69901-8029

ANDRE LESLIE RODGERS

CARSON, CALIFORNIA

Andre Leslie Rodgers saved Paul E. Jury from burning, Carson, California, February 19, 1995. At night, Jury, 73, was asleep in a first-floor bedroom of the house where he lived when fire broke out in the attached garage that adjoined his room. Rodgers, 25, trade school student, was driving by and saw the fire. He stopped at the scene and went to a side door to alert any occupants of the house. Gaining access to the house, Rodgers met Jury's cousin, who alerted him to Jury's location. With flames engulfing the garage and rapidly spreading, including to the second floor over Jury's room, Rodgers entered Jury's room, which was filled with smoke. He picked Jury up and carried him through the house to the side door, then outside to safety. Rodgers was given oxygen at the scene and treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation.

69498-7982

JAMES E. ROG

SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS

James E. Rog helped to rescue Virginia C. Alvarado and five children from burning, Oregon, Illinois, August 20, 1995. Ms. Alvarado, 38, was one of 13 people in a van that caught fire in a two-vehicle highway accident. James, 15, student, and his father had been traveling behind the van and arrived at the scene moments after the accident. They responded to the van, where James's father broke out a window at the rear of the passenger side. Despite flames spreading to the van's interior from the front where they had originated, he pulled Ms. Alvarado out; James and his father then carried her to the side of the highway. James and his father returned to the van, in which flames were continuing to spread, and, in repeated entries through the broken rear window and through another window that James broke out, removed five children, who ranged in age from 5 to 11. Intensifying flames which engulfed the van forced them away and claimed the lives of the van's remaining occupants. Ms. Alvarado was hospitalized one month for treatment of serious injuries and burns, and the children all required hospital treatment for injury. James also was treated at the hospital, for first-degree burns to his face. He recovered.

69989-8056

PHILLIP E. ROG
SOUTH ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Phillip E. Rog helped to rescue Virginia C. Alvarado and five children from burning, Oregon, Illinois, August 20, 1995. Ms. Alvarado, 38, was one of 13 people in a van that caught fire in a two-vehicle highway accident. Rog, 48, teacher, and his teenage son had been traveling behind the van and arrived at the scene moments after the accident. They responded to the van, where Rog broke out a window at the rear of the passenger side. Despite flames spreading to the van's interior from the front where they had originated, Rog leaned into the van, grasped Ms. Alvarado, and pulled her through the window; he and his son then carried her to the side of the highway. Rog and his son returned to the van, in which flames were continuing to spread, and, in repeated entries through the broken rear window and through another window that the son broke out, removed five children, who ranged in age from 5 to 11. Intensifying flames which engulfed the van forced them away and claimed the lives of the van's remaining occupants. Ms. Alvarado was hospitalized one month for treatment of serious injuries and burns, and the children all required hospital treatment for injury. Rog also was treated at the hospital, for first-degree burns to his face and arms and other injury. He recovered.

69988-8055

TROY A. ROMMEN
SPEARFISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

Troy A. Rommen saved David A. Johnson from burning, Spearfish, South Dakota, July 2, 1995. Johnson, 51, was rendered unconscious when the plane he was piloting crashed during take-off. Rommen, 28, landscape business manager, was a passenger, as were his wife and daughter. The plane caught fire just after Rommen removed his wife and daughter. Rommen, who sustained a broken finger in the crash, then returned to the plane and entered for Johnson as flames issued into the cabin from the pilot's side. Rommen unbuckled Johnson's seat belt, then grasped him under the arms and pulled him from the plane. Other men who had arrived helped to take Johnson away from the plane, the cabin of which was shortly engulfed by flame. Johnson was hospitalized for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

69887-8050

SHELLY SALBECK

GALT, CALIFORNIA

Shelly Salbeck helped to rescue Sandra L. Fleming from burning, Galt, California, June 23, 1994. Ms. Fleming, 36, remained in the driver's seat of her inverted and burning automobile after a highway accident. Local residents hearing the accident included Ms. Salbeck, 21, dental assistant, and her stepfather. They immediately ran to the scene and approached the driver's side of the car, flames by then having spread to its interior. After the stepfather cut Ms. Fleming's seat belt with a pocketknife then withdrew because of smoke and flames, Ms. Salbeck grasped Ms. Fleming and started to remove her through the opened driver's door. When her stepfather returned, Ms. Salbeck and he freed Ms. Fleming and dragged her away from the car, which was shortly engulfed by flames. Ms. Fleming required extensive hospitalization for severe burns and other injuries. Ms. Salbeck recovered from a minor burn.

69292-7974

DOUGLAS E. SAYLOR

POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Douglas E. Saylor rescued Catherine M. and Jordan P. Clarke from burning, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1995. Ms. Clarke, 25, and her son Jordan, 3, were trapped inside their car after a highway accident in which the car caught fire. Another motorist, Saylor, 38, truck driver, witnessed the accident and, with others, responded to the scene and fought the flames with fire extinguishers. Seeing Ms. Clarke inside the car but finding her door jammed, Saylor broke out the door's window with a fire extinguisher. He assisted Ms. Clarke through the window, then, after repeated attempts because of intense heat, extended his upper body inside the car for Jordan. Unable to free Jordan from his carseat, Saylor withdrew from the car for a knife. He re-entered and cut the seat's straps, then grasped Jordan and pulled him from the car. Flames on the car intensified. Ms. Clarke and Jordan received hospital treatment for their injuries, including minor burns. Saylor also sustained minor burns, from which he recovered.

69874-8009

PATRICIA SCHAEFFER

ASTORIA, NEW YORK

Patricia Schaeffer helped to save Dewey R. Gallese from drowning, New York, New York, April 25, 1995. Gallese, 45, floated unconscious in the East River after falling from a seawall along the river bank. Working nearby, Ms. Schaeffer, 45, sanitation enforcement agent, was alerted, and she responded to the seawall. Ms. Schaeffer immediately removed her boots and jacket and, although she was a poor swimmer, jumped 15 feet into the river from the top of the wall. She dog-paddled about 35 feet to Gallese, then grasped his collar and returned to the wall, towing him. With difficulty, Ms. Schaeffer turned Gallese onto his back, then clung to the wall while awaiting help, at one point submerging and swallowing water. After several minutes, emergency medical technicians arrived, and two of them joined Ms. Schaeffer in the water. They secured Ms. Schaeffer, who was weakening, with a line, then strapped Gallese to a rescue board. After Gallese was pulled from the river, Ms. Schaeffer left it, with assistance, as did the two medical technicians. Gallese was hospitalized but died 13 days later. Ms. Schaeffer also required hospital treatment, for having nearly drowned, and she recovered.

69666-7996

DEAN A. SCOTT, DECEASED

CANTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

Dean A. Scott died attempting to save a man from drowning, Canton, South Dakota, November 9, 1995. In a suicide attempt at night, a 33-year-old man jumped into the Big Sioux River from a concrete slab along the bank. Scott, 34, minister, who was at the scene to counsel the man, left items of attire on the bank, then entered the river to rescue him. Scott shortly submerged in the frigid water. The man was carried downstream to a point in wadable water from which he was removed by firefighters. Scott's body was recovered from the river the next day; he had drowned.

70315-8057

LORA K. SHRAKE

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Lora K. Shrake rescued Cathy J. Veech from an attacking bull, Mattoon, Illinois, August 13, 1995. While in a pasture on her property, Ms. Veech, 37, was attacked by the 950-pound bull she owned. The bull mauled and gored her over the course of several minutes, inflicting injury and rendering her unable to escape. Ms. Shrake, 21, college student, was driving by the scene and saw the attack. She parked, entered the pasture by climbing through an electrified fence, and approached the bull, taking with her a two-foot length of rubber tubing. Ms. Shrake struck the bull repeatedly with the tubing, enabling Ms. Veech to crawl away. Ms. Veech went to the fence and exited the pasture. Ms. Shrake kept striking the bull until Ms. Veech reached safety; Ms. Shrake then left the pasture. Ms. Veech was hospitalized three days for treatment of her wounds, which required sutures. 69979-8005

DARRYL T. SMITH

FORDS, NEW JERSEY

Darryl T. Smith saved Jose W. Flores and Jacqueline DeVargas from burning, Carteret, New Jersey, March 2, 1996. Jose, 14, and his half sister Jacqueline, 10, were asleep in a second-floor bedroom of their family's townhouse apartment when fire broke out at night in the living room, on the first floor. Smith, 35, machine operator, who lived next door, was alerted to the fire and informed that the children were still inside. He immediately entered the townhouse, the living room of which was filling with flame, and went to the second floor. Smith entered the children's bedroom and, waking Jose and picking up Jacqueline, went downstairs with them and exited the townhouse to safety. Fearing that others remained inside, Smith re-entered the unit and returned to the second floor, where he searched the two remaining bedrooms. Finding no one, he attempted to flee, but deteriorating conditions on the first floor blocked his course, forcing him back upstairs. Smith retreated to the bathroom and escaped through a window to the roof of the neighboring unit's porch, from which he was aided to the ground by arriving police. Jose was given oxygen at the scene for having inhaled smoke, and he recovered. 70440-8059

GARTH SNYDER
JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

Garth Snyder helped to rescue Louis C. Fancher from burning, Jensen Beach, Florida, February 14, 1995. Fancher, 71, was inside his residence, a mobile home with an attached, enclosed porch, after fire erupted in the bedroom at night. A neighbor, Snyder, 66, retired businessman, was alerted to the fire. Responding to the scene, he crawled into the enclosed porch but was repelled by dense smoke and intense heat. He withdrew. He re-entered but again was forced out by conditions. A third time Snyder crawled into the porch; he entered the mobile home and found Fancher, unconscious, on the floor. Snyder grasped Fancher and pulled him into the porch. An arriving sheriff's deputy joined Snyder in pulling Fancher outside to safety as flames spread rapidly, consuming the structure. Fancher was seriously burned and died the following day. Snyder was given oxygen at the scene, and he recovered from exposure to smoke. 69526-7987

KLAUS DIETER SOTH
LINDELL BEACH, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Klaus Dieter Soth rescued Kathleen J. deRoos from assault, Chilliwack, British Columbia, July 10, 1994. Ms. deRoos, 32, a police officer, had detained a man on a rural road for questioning. The man lunged at her and, in an ensuing struggle, gained possession of her loaded service revolver, which he then pointed at her. Soth, 63, farmer, approached in his automobile and stopped at the scene when he saw the assault. He shouted at the assailant, then got out of his car, which he left running. Ms. deRoos indicated to Soth to leave, but he remained and attempted to reason with the assailant. Ms. deRoos moved toward Soth's car, the assailant following, keeping the gun pointed at her, then Soth. When the assailant's attention was distracted, Ms. deRoos entered the passenger side of Soth's car. Soth, who had re-entered the car, drove them away from the scene. The assailant was arrested shortly. Ms. deRoos recovered from injuries sustained during the scuffle. 69940-7990

MARK M. STE. MARIE

BROUSSARD, LOUISIANA

Mark M. Ste. Marie helped to save Dennis M. Klecak from burning, Giddings, Texas, June 1, 1995. At night, the automobile Klecak was driving left the highway, struck a tree, and overturned. Klecak remained inside the inverted car, caught in the wreckage, as fire broke out on its exposed underside. Traveling on the same highway, Ste. Marie, 38, wire line operator, and another man stopped at the scene. After Klecak yelled for help, Ste. Marie crawled head first through the open passenger window but in the darkness could see nothing. He groped for Klecak, finding him beneath the steering wheel in light provided by growing flames. Ste. Marie grasped Klecak by his wrists and pulled him to the passenger side of the car, but Klecak remained caught in the wreckage. Ste. Marie and the other man then pulled on Klecak by the arms and on their third attempt freed him, then dragged him out of the car. Within moments the car was engulfed by flame. Klecak required hospital treatment for injuries received during the accident, and he recovered.

69955-8036

JAMES M. STEVENS

ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE

James M. Stevens rescued Joseph A. Macha from burning, Nashville, Tennessee, March 29, 1995. Macha, 37, mechanic, was underneath a vehicle, working on its fuel tank, in the garage of the automobile dealership where he was employed. Spilled gasoline on Macha caught fire when the utility light he was using fell to the floor and broke, and flames quickly spread to the vehicle. Aflame, Macha moved from underneath the vehicle. A co-worker, Stevens, 34, mechanic, started to flee the garage when the fire broke out, but when he saw Macha aflame, he turned and ran to him. Stevens patted out flames on Macha, then, passing the vehicle as flames engulfed it, led him to safety through the nearest door. Macha required extensive hospitalization for burns, including third-degree, to much of his body. Stevens was treated at the hospital for first- and second-degree burns to his hands and forearms. He missed a month's work but fully recovered.

69630-8004

ERNESTO STO. DOMINGO, DECEASED
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Ernesto Sto. Domingo died attempting to save Ariel S. Sto. Domingo from drowning, Kenora, Ontario, August 14, 1994. Ariel, 13, struggled to stay afloat while swimming in a cove of Golf Course Bay, off Lake of the Woods. He shouted for help. On a floating walkway that spanned the cove, his uncle, Sto. Domingo, 32, assembler, removed his jacket and shoes then jumped into the water and swam to him. A struggle ensued, and they submerged repeatedly. Others entered the water and took Ariel to safety, and one man grasped Sto. Domingo in an unsuccessful attempt to keep him from sinking. Sto. Domingo was recovered by police who arrived shortly, but he could not be revived. 69241-7985

M. BRIAN SUMMERS
SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

M. Brian Summers rescued James R. Jones from assault, Simi Valley, California, May 18, 1995. Jones, 24, had just walked out of a friend's house when he was attacked by a man armed with a knife. The man stabbed Jones repeatedly as Jones and his friend struggled against him and shouted for help. A next-door neighbor, Summers, 26, equipment operator, heard the shouting and immediately responded to the scene. Summers ran to the assailant and pushed him off Jones. The assailant stood and, still armed, faced Summers briefly, then fled. He was later apprehended by police. Jones required hospitalization for treatment of numerous stab wounds, and he recovered in two months. 70599-8030

JOE TERRY
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

Joe Terry saved Ygzeña J. Gallegos from being struck by a train, Merced, California, August 3, 1995. Ygzeña, 1, sat on a rail of a railroad track near her home as a passenger train approached at about 60 m.p.h. At his home about 300 feet away, Joe, 15, high school student, heard the train and saw Ygzeña. He immediately ran toward her as the train drew closer, its speed undimin-

ished. Reaching Ygzeña from behind, Joe grasped her, swung her away from the rail, then ran from the track, taking her with him. The train passed without stopping at the scene, Joe feeling its wind on his back. 70014-8039

KELLY ANNETTE THOMASON

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Kelly Annette Thomason rescued Christopher A. Jarvis from assault, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 25, 1995. Jarvis, 22, police officer, was struggling with a man in the parking lot of a store after the man had become belligerent and combative during questioning. Ms. Thomason, 36, realtor, who had aided Jarvis in chasing the man down, was in her van nearby. As the assailant reached for a gun that was in the waistband of his trousers, Ms. Thomason left her van and joined in the struggle. She secured the assailant's gun and took it to her van, then returned to Jarvis and helped him and another arriving officer to handcuff the assailant. Jarvis sustained injury to his right hand and wrist and other bruising; he recovered. Ms. Thomason required hospital treatment for a sprained wrist, and she bruised her knees. 70725-8046

LUIS VEGA

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

Luis Vega saved Joanne L. Valiante from being struck by a train, Boca Raton, Florida, March 22, 1994. Dazed, Ms. Valiante, 51, was in the driver's seat of her car after it was pushed by another car onto a railroad track at a crossing. A train was approaching at about 75 m.p.h. Seeing that Ms. Valiante remained in her car, another motorist at the crossing, Vega, 23, chef, immediately ran to its driver's side. Then at a point between the car and the approaching train, Vega opened the door, grasped Ms. Valiante, and pulled her out. They ran off the track. Although in emergency braking, the train struck Ms. Valiante's car seconds later, demolishing it, and came to a stop well beyond the point of impact. Ms. Valiante received hospital treatment for injury to her back and neck. 68614-8007

PHYLLIS W. WEST

MONETA, VIRGINIA

Phyllis W. West saved Christina E. Lindsay from burning, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, August 5, 1995. Christina, 1, was in her bedroom in her family's mobile home when a driverless, two-ton truck coasted onto the property and struck a propane tank adjacent to the home. Knocked through a wall near Christina's bedroom, the tank was ruptured in the accident, and an explosive rush of flames sent fire both into the residence and upward, above its roof. Christina's grandmother, Ms. West, 47, electrical connector assembler, who was visiting, was outside with Christina's mother. Ms. West immediately attempted to gain entry to the mobile home through its front door, but the door would not open. Christina's mother responded to Christina's bedroom window and opened it, but she could not gain entry. Hoisted by Christina's mother, Ms. West climbed to the window, entered the burning structure, and retrieved Christina, then handed her outside. Ms. West then escaped through the window. The mobile home was destroyed in the fire. Christina was not injured, but Ms. West sustained bruises and required hospital treatment for smoke inhalation.

69974-8042

LINDA MARIE WHITEHEAD

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA

Linda Marie Whitehead rescued a woman from assault, Canton, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1995. Intending to pick up her children, a 32-year-old woman had just driven into the parking lot of an elementary school when her estranged husband arrived in another car. He approached the woman's car and kicked its driver's door and broke a window. The woman attempted to escape through the other side of the car, but the assailant pushed her back inside and began to stab her in the neck. She screamed. At the school to pick up her own children, Ms. Whitehead, 31, licensed practical nurse and college student, approached the assailant from behind and intervened. He turned to look at her then resumed his attack on the woman. Ms. Whitehead grasped the assailant by the belt loops of his trousers and pulled him off the woman and out of the car. The assailant fled but was later apprehended by police. The woman required extensive hospitalization for treatment of her wounds.

69595-7975

CHRISTIAN M. ZIEBARTH

BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Christian M. Ziebarth helped to save Lloyd E. Hunter from burning, Burlington, Washington, June 21, 1995. Hunter, 77, remained inside his 28-foot motor home after it overturned onto its driver's side in a highway accident, then caught fire in the engine area. Ziebarth, 21, college student, approached the scene on his motorcycle. After another man knocked down flames temporarily with a fire extinguisher, Ziebarth and the other man climbed atop the vehicle and opened a door on its passenger side. Since Hunter outweighed Ziebarth and the other man, Ziebarth lowered himself into the motor home through the door while the other man remained atop it and reached for Hunter. Then seeing that the windshield was fractured, Ziebarth kicked out one of its panes. Flames had resumed and were spreading to the front of the motor home as Ziebarth led Hunter through the windshield opening and to safety. The other man descended to the pavement. The motor home was shortly engulfed by flame and was destroyed. Hunter recovered from scratches to an arm.

70121-8012

1996 AWARD STATISTICS

MEDALS

In 1996, ninety-three Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 8,063 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 71,328 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 1996, eighteen such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,639:

Nelson Aguiar	Daniel Jenkins
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Domenico Florio	Larry Lee Moore
Kayla Jean Garrigan	George James Pinlac
Robert Lee Guy	Scott Garrett Portesi
Dennis R. Hayes	Dean A. Scott
Brendle Horst	Ernesto Sto. Domingo

MONETARY GRANTS

	1996	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 232,750	\$ 12,934,596
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	<u>324,793</u>	<u>9,170,147</u>
	\$ 557,543	\$ 22,104,743

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